

Unionville High School
School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: UHS Library

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Subject Department Presentations:
 - Co-op
 - Guidance
3. Hot Topics
4. Admin Updates

1. WELCOME

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04. Chair (AS) shared a powerful land acknowledgement video.
- Translation from English to Mandarin is being offered.
- Parents are asked to connect with AS, if there are other language translation services needed.

2. DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

a) Co-op – Ms. Minos

- Co-op options start in Grade 11 and 12 and provide students with real world experience in the workplace.
- Co-op placements can offer students insight into future career options, while providing work experience and references for their resume.
- Co-op placements can satisfy credits from Group 1, 2 and 3; students can earn up to 4 high school credits.
- Placements occur during the school day (½ day or 2 school credits) for an entire semester.
- Students can opt to participate in the co-op program while selecting their courses in Blueprint and complete the application form (www.uhscoop.com)
- Summer co-op placements are not overseen by UHS.
- Co-op hours are not interchangeable with community involvement hours.
- Other co-op programs include the dual credit program (earning college level courses), the military co-op program (paid position), and the SHSM certificate program.

b) Guidance – Ms. Riolo

- OSSD requirements include 18 compulsory credits, 12 electives, literacy test in Grade 10, 40 hours of community involvement, and 2 online learning credits (total of 30 credits)
- Online learning credits are asynchronous learning and parents may opt out of this requirement during course selection.
- Community involvement activities should be pre-approved by guidance office and graduating students must have all 40 hours completed and submitted to the guidance office June 3, 2024

Course Pathways

- Academic, De-Streamed, Locally Developed and Open
- Math, English, Science and Geography have been de-streamed.
- Pathways for Grades 11 and 12 include: C = College; U = University; M: University/College; O: Open; E: Workplace
- Open level classes cannot be used for university admission and some universities may limit the number of M-level courses for acceptance.
- The Guidance Office also offers various supports including student success, peer tutoring, special education support, literacy teachers and Co-op.
- Parents must approve their child's course selection.
- Course selections are not on a first come first serve basis and closes on February 23, 2024.
- Course Selection Days will occur from February 15-23, 2024.

3. ADMIN UPDATES

- Parking Lots and Poor Driving Behaviours: Concerns with people driving very quickly and not paying attention to students and staff in the parking lots, thus starting semester 2 police will be onsite to monitor issues and help eliminate the problems.
- Teachers will be focusing on the concept of "Academic Honesty"; they will be focused on teaching students how to properly (and responsibly) research concepts while ensure all sources are properly cited.
- Students can expect to receive their semester 2 timetables by February 2nd or 3rd, 2024.

4. HOT TOPICS

- Cell phone use by students during class time is a problem. It is reasonable for teachers to mention that cellphone use in class should be for academic purposes only or one of the other established rules that allow for in-class use.

5. FUNDRAISING

- Ideas include a Movie Night, School Dances, Bubble Tea sales.
- A friendly reminder regarding the optional & voluntary \$45 UHS Student Activity Fee
- The Student Activity Fee supports a variety of school spirit events and activities for ALL students, and not just extracurriculars clubs.
- Currently ~53% of the school population has contributed, however our goal is to reach 80% of the UHS student population.
- Parents are urged to take 1-2 minutes to pay via School Cash Online at <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> (have your student number ready).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – February 26, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.